

**Subject:** UPDATE: Community Policing Forum

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Thank you each so much for agreeing to participate in tomorrow evening's forum, "What is the Future of Policing in Downtown Los Angeles" hosted by the Trust Talks Initiative of the Downtown Los Angeles Clergy Council.

As an update, to accommodate child-care needs for the evening, the event will begin tomorrow evening at 6:30pm and end at 8:30.

Confirmed speakers:

Pastor Kevin Haah, President, Downtown Clergy Council  
Eric Ares, Community Organizer, Los Angeles Community Action Network  
Kurt Knecht, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office  
General Jeff, Issues and Solutions  
Captain Ron Graham, Commander of Central Division  
Blair Bestein, Downtown LA Historic BID  
Deputy Chief William Murphy, LAPD

Moderator: Gerren Kelsaw, This is the City Podcast

#### **Flow for the evening:**

6:30 Delonte to welcome and introduce Dei Selah Thomas's musical set  
6:45 Delonte to introduce Gerren as our moderator and our panelists  
7:50 Audience to gather into groups of 4-5 to discuss among themselves  
8pm Gerren will take 2-3 burning questions written on index cards that have been given to him throughout the evening (people will be allowed to write down questions at any time during the evening. Gerren will choose the top 2-3 questions)  
8:15 Delonte to introduce Andre Henry's musical set  
8:30 Thank yous and closing remarks

**Questions for the evening** (Gerren may choose to modify these, but these will get you started):

- 1) The Trust Talks are all about story and solution. We bring our story to the table and we try to find the way that we can be part of the solution to restoring trust in our community. What is your story? Why do you do what you do?
- 2) What do people least understand about what you do?
- 3) What is one question that you have always wanted to ask someone on this panel?
- 4) What do you think we have gotten wrong about how we police our community in downtown? What have we done well?
- 5) When you dream about what the future of policing could look like in downtown, what do you see?
- 6) If "X" does not change then we will not see genuine change in policing and mass incarceration in our city and in our country? How would you fill in the blank?
- 7) What keeps you going when you get weary and want to give up?

Thank you each so much!

Delonte